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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **DEVICE AND METHOD OF PREVENTING PIRATED COPIES OF COMPUTER PROGRAMS**, and the specification of which:

- [X] is attached hereto;
- [] was filed as United States Application Serial No. _____ on _____, __ and was amended by the Preliminary Amendment filed on _____, __.
- [] was filed as PCT International Application Number _____ on the ____ day of __, __.
- [] an English translation of which is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119**

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Priority Claimed

Under 35 U.S.C. § 119 : [X] Yes [] No

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